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In re Application of)
Jeffery Herman et al.) Group: 1731
Serial No.: 10/768,936)
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Title: A DEWATERING APPARATUS IN A) Examiner: Hug, Eric J.
PAPER MACHINE)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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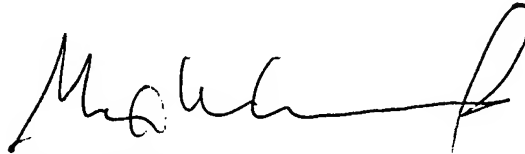
Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated June 6, 2006,
Applicants hereby elect, for purposes of Examination, the invention recited in Group I, claims 1-18
and 41-49, drawn to a dewatering system including a dewatering fabric, in the above-identified
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